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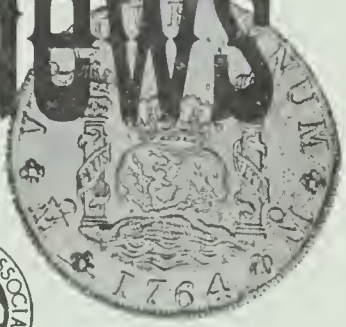

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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1. "Best in Show" to whichever exhibit (regardless of class) is scored highest in number of points by the judges.

2. Six "Superior Exhibit" awards to the next six highest scored displays (regardless of class.)

3. Six "Outstanding Exhibit" awards to the second highest scored displays.

4. Six "Meritorious Exhibit" awards to the third six highest scored displays.

5. The "Harvey Bruns Award" to the highest scored Mexican exhibit.

6. "Junior Best Exhibit" for the highest scored junior display.

7. "Novice Best Exhibit" for the highest scored display by an exhibitor who has never before exhibited in any coin show anywhere.

8. "Appreciation" award to each exhibitor otherwise not winning any award, and to each non-competitive exhibit.

There will be some who do not like this system and some who will. I think that this is the fairest system that I have noticed overall. This is a big step for T.N.A. and with your help it will have far-reaching results in the field of numismatics.

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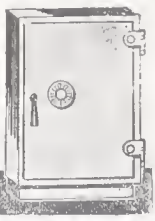

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CONVENTION NEWS . . . .

The 10th Texas Numismatic Association convention will be held in San Antonio at the historic and famous Gunter Hotel on June 17, 18, 19 under the leadership of General Chairman Frank O'Sullivan.

Bourse is under the able direction of Larry Murrell; Deputy Sheriff Leonard Black will oversee all security; and Freeman Craig will handle the finances as treasurer.

Ilse Griffith is committee secretary and Jan Gerhart is assisting Ray Whyborn with exhibits. Gateway Coin Club Representative Bill Rapanotti is responsible for the auction, while genial Al Naumann, pencil poised and eyes agleam, handles all publicity to newspapers, magazines and television. Completing the group is the Alamo Coin Club president and representative, Ray Whyborn, who is assistant publicist and general back-up man to all chairmen.

The National Commemorative Society is providing the featured attraction of Platinum Proof coin-medals such as the Alamo, Lewis and Clark, Pearl Harbor, Churchill, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Pony Express and Thomas Jefferson commemoratives, to name a few. Altogether, 47 pieces will be exhibited for the very first time anywhere.

In addition, many fine numismatic exhibits will be on display through the courtesy of both private collectors and the U. S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Special guests at the convention will be James A. Conlon, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He will speak at the luncheon of The Society of Paper Money Collectors planned for Tuesday, June 18 at the Gunter Hotel.

All S.O.P.M.C. members are invited to attend and hear Conlon as he addresses this group of highly specialized numismatists. Additional information, reservations and tickets can be obtained from S.O.P.M.C. Luncheon, Box 5526, San Antonio, Tex. 78201.

Plan now to attend the numismatic highlight of 1968—**the 10th convention of Texas Numismatic Association—June 17-19, Gunter Hotel, downtown San Antonio.**

Mrs. Joe B. Davis Dies January 1

Mrs. Joe B. Davis, affectionately known to her many friends as Connie, died early New Year's Day at her home in Corpus Christi, Tex. following a long illness.

She taught first grade at a Corpus Christi school and had begun her teaching career in 1930. She attended Texas Christian University and Texas A&I College.

Mrs. Davis, a native of Berlair, was a member of the First Christian Church.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 4, in Cage-Mills Chapel with Dr. Oliver Harrison, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in Seaside Memorial Park.

Survivors include the husband; a daughter, Mrs. Sandra Tribble of Vientiane, Laos; a son, Bryan Davis of Corpus Christi, her father, W. E. Guthrie of Taft; two brothers, Clyde Guthrie of Corpus Christi and Keith Guthrie of Taft; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Christian Church.

The Challenge Of Mexican Coins

By Chet Falkenhainer
Houston, Texas

In 1960, there was only a small, dedicated handful of collectors interested in the coins of Mexico. Many of Mexico's rarities could be purchased from dealers' 10 cent "junk boxes." No catalog on Mexican coins was available to the general public, and to the average collector, a peso was only a peso, regardless of its actual scarcity.

Today in 1968, Mexican numismatics is a big business. Tens of thousands of collectors avidly pursue the rare coins of Mexico from 1953 to date. Many books on Mexican coins have been published. Major auction sales and dealer price lists are filled with choice Mexican material and competition among dealers and collectors to find nice coins is very fierce.

What caused this tremendous surge of interest that has lifted Mexican coins from the backwaters of numismatics into the spotlight in eight short years? There are many factors involved.

First, a steady rise in the price of silver on world markets has caused many of the Mexican 1, 5 and 10 peso coins to become attractive investments due to their high silver content. One numismatist has estimated that almost half of the ENTIRE MINTAGE OF ALL Mexican coins minted since 1536 has been melted down for the silver content. Secondly, many collectors switched to Mexican coins after the boom and bust of the United States roll, bag and proof set market in 1964. These collectors had grown tired of the "carnival atmosphere" prevalent in U.S. coin dealing at this time, when anybody who could tell the difference between a Jefferson nickel and a Lincoln cent because a vast pocket dealer, and all of the numismatic publications carried ads pushing "hot" rolls, "rare" bags and "scarce" proof sets. People became disdusioned with U.S. coins and switched to the Mexican field, which offered them much safer ground to make sound investments, and where a rare coin was really rare, and not available by the bag, as were some of the "rare" current U.S. coins.

Third, and the most important factor in my estimation, is the tremendous challenge Mexican coins offers to the serious collector. Civil wars, revolutions, and sometimes rapid changes in government have led to an almost endless variety in the coins of Mexico. It is possible for a collector to specialize in one small area of Mexican coins, such as die varieties of Revolutionary coins 1910-1917, or the different assayer's initials of the coins of Charles & Johana, and spend many enjoyable years just completing a collection within these specialized fields. A beautiful and rare collection can be put together by someone collecting only the coins of the two short-lived emperors of Mexico—Iturbide and Maximilian.

In another interesting field, there are probably 800 or more DIFFER-

ENT dates, overdates and varieties just in the Cap & Ray eight reales series from 1824-1897. Some coins in this series are unique, and to my knowledge no complete collection of this series exists anywhere in the world. Type collecting seems to be the most popular way to collect the coins of Mexico. A complete type set of each coin minted in Mexico from 1536 to date would take many years and much searching on the part of the collector to complete, but once finished, this collection in historical value alone would be worthy of the finest museum.

Mexico offers a challenge to the collector with limited funds, too. Many of the modern silver crowns are reasonably priced, even in gem BU condition, and these make very attractive displays and collections. An album of one centavos from 1905 to date can be filled in average condition for about $20, far less than the cost of a Lincoln cent album from 1909 to date. There are many modern Mexican coins that are much, much scarcer than the 1950D nickel or the 1914D cent, and yet are priced a small fraction of the cost of U.S. key coins.

Many collectors ask themselves these questions when they begin collecting the coins of Mexico: Why collect Mexican? What do the coins of Mexico have to offer? My answer is: EVERYTHING! History, beauty and rarity are all present in the coins of Mexico. Almost every coin of Mexican history, such as the Caballito peso of 1910, issued to commemorate the beginning of the war for independence against Spain in 1810 and the Dos Pesos of 1921, commemorating the 100th anniversary of independent Mexico. Others are like windows into the past through which we can relive the period in history when they were issued.

For example, whenever you see a Pillar dollar, visualize in your mind that this was THE trade coin of the world at the time. Merchants in Europe and the Orient respected the value and quality of Spanish colonial coins. Look at a crude Mexican Revolutionary coin and think back to the troubled times in Mexican history when it was struck. The portrait coins of Iturbide and Maximilian tell us the story of the two unsuccessful attempts to force an imperial government on the Mexican people, and of the sad end faced by both young emperors at the receiving end of a firing squad.

Mexican coins offer both profit and pleasure to collectors. A trip into the wonderful world of Mexican coins is a rewarding journey every numismatic adventurer should take.

from the librarian

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In the past month, we have had numerous requests for lists of slide sets available through the T.N.A. Memorial Library. Clubs are planning their 1968 programs and we are happy to learn that slide sets will be a part of their educational programs.

The library still has a few lists of books and if you would like to have one just let us know. The list was compiled as of March, 1966 and you may refer to The TNA News each month for additional books.

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TOPICAL COLLECTING

BIRDS ON COINS – Part II
(Eagles of Europe-Asia)

By GLADYS ROBBINS,
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Some people hunt birds with guns, others with camera while yet others are content to just "watch" and tabulate the varieties they see. Will you join me on a different kind of bird hunt? It will take us back through history to many places–this time we will concentrate on those we find in Europe-Asia and we find these birds, not flying through the air, but artistically engraved on coins.

Right off, we find that eagles appear on coins for many reasons. The eagle means many things to many people—our serendipity might well be these many meanings.

Did you know, for instance, that the eagle was linked with Jupiter who was foremost among the Roman gods? It was believed that he lived with the gods on Olympus and was the bearer of Zeus' thunderbolt. Thus the eagle was preeminent on ancient –and later—coins as a symbol of might and freedom. The eagle appears on the god's outstretched hand on silver coins of Alexander the Great. The Ptolemaic kings of Egypt used him in the designs of most of their coins. Fighting and victorious, he appears on some famous coins of Acragas in Sicily, which shows two eagles on a hare or fighting a snake. Occasionally the eagle was used on Roman Republican coins, and after Augustus he frequently served to symbolize the Roman Empire.

The coinage of medieval Europe is notable for the great diversity of authorities who struck coins–kings, emperors, feudal and ecclestical lords, but in the modern period we find the replacement of these multi-farious coinage authorities by the much smaller number of great national states and is reflected by fewer and more stereotyped coinage.

The Austrian eagle was introduced by Rudolf of Hapsburg (1289-91), a coinage of pfennig with eagle reverse. This eagle, in varying forms was to remain characteristic of Austrian coinage throughout history. This eagle has probably appeared on more coins than any other, for it cast a long shadow across Europe and Asia as Austria's long talons grasped more and more territory in wars, intrigues, treaties, etc. for the 500 years of the Hapsburgs.

Let us take a good look at this grotesque bird then. Each of his two heads is ugly, but as better

methods of making coins were invented, beautiful coins were struck with the two-headed-crested eagle as the main device on obverse and more frequently reverse. Austrian provinces and states to issue eagle type coins were Bohemia, Hungary, Styria Duchy, Transylvania, Tyrol, Wentzel and Schlick. Rudolph II (1576-1608) issued coins of a number of denominations with the two-headed eagle reverse, shield on breast, the design executed in a variety of fashion throughout the period. An exception is the reverse type for Rudolf II where the eagle is rendered naturalistically rather than heraldically, and has on its breast the imperial orb containing a small shield.

The most famous of Austrian thalers is that of Maria Theresa (1740-80) for such was the popularity this coin gained as a means of exhange in Abyssinia and the Ashanti Coast that issues of the thaler with the date 1780 continued to be produced for these areas throughout the 19th century and also at mints outside Austria, including the Royal Mint in London for the Abyssinian campaign of World War II and more recently in Vienna for use in world markets and in proof condition for collectors. The reverse of this thaler shows the Imperial Coat of Arms with crowned two-headed eagle and a shield with arms of Hungary, Bohemia, Austria, Burgandy and Burgen. Reason for its unusual popularity is its high content of silver: .8333 which has remained constant.

The eagle type of Austrian coinage remained basically the same until the Hapsburgs were driven to abdicate and an Austrian Republic was declared in 1918. The new coinage did not make its appearance until late 1923, and an eagle's head was one of the designs used. Austrian coinage ceased with the loss of independence when in 1938 Austria was absorbed into the German Third Reich but was resumed in 1946 for the Republic restored in 1945. The Austrian eagle (uncrowned) returned as the standard obverse on the aluminum 1, 2 schilling, 50 groschen as well as the zinc ten groschen.

ALBANIA—Issued minor coins in 1926 and 1935 using an eagle's head as obverse design, a two-headed eagle on the ½ lek, 1926, a Roman-type eagle on reverse of 2 franki ari 1926-28. The two-headed eagle also appears in the shield of issue of gold and silver 1926-1938. During the Italian occupation, 1933-44 the two-headed eagle between two fasces was used on reverse for most denominations.

BELGIUM—The silver gros was struck in the Bishopric of Liege by Hugh III de Chalon (1295-1301) the obverse type being an eagle with outstretched wings. A similar eagle type above a small shield was used on gros by Adolf de la Marck (1313-14) and Englebert de la Marck (1345-64) as well as on the small or 2-3 gros and lower divisions.

FINLAND—The only Scandinavian country to have an eagle on its coins. The denominations of 10-20 gold markaa, 1-2 markaa, 25-50 pennia with the imperial two-headed eagle of Russia with lion-shield on chest on obverse and the value on reverse were issued 1865-1917.

FRANCE—Napoleon III Emperor coins of 1851 used the French Imperial eagle on reverse of minor coins. This eagle has one head, is a beautiful bird, not unlike the Roman eagle of ancient coins.

GERMANY—The first attempt to regulate German coinage system promulgated at Esslinger in 1524 by Charles V. The types prescribed were the Imperial eagle and inscrip-

tion on obverse. This measure was opposed by Austria and by the states in whose territories were ample supplies of silver. A fresh edict in 1551 established a silver gulden of 72 kreuzen and smaller pieces down to 1 kreuzen with an obverse type of the Imperial eagle with values in krenzen within the Imperial globe on its breast.

German states and cities to issue eagle-type coins were Bavaria, Brandenburg, Swabia, Nuremberg, Frankfurt-on-Main, Cologne, Aachen Dortmund, Duchy of Cleve, Julich and Berg, Lippe, Prussia.

Prussia was established as a hereditary Duchy out of the territory of the Teutonic Order by Albert of Brandenburg in 1525 who initiated a coinage series with eagle on shield reverse. The letter "S" on the breast of the eagle here is the initial of Sigismund, King of Poland, of which Prussia was technically a fief. In 1618 on the death of Albert, Frederick John Sigismund elector of Brandenburg, became Duke of Prussia and from this point onwards the two territories have an identity of ruler but retain their separate coin types until the beginning of the 19th century. The gold and silver coin types in the 18th century feature the Hohenzollern eagle on many, particularly under Frederick II the Great (1740-86). The reverse of his gold and of silver denominations reflect the military flavour of his reign for the eagle is shown in defiant attitude amid banners, drums and other military gear.

In 1871 came the creation of the German Empire. The type on higher denominations used the eagle on reverse, lower denominations on obverse. The defeat of Germany in 1918 brought the declaration of the German Republic. Little change was effected on the small range of coinage issued in the early years of the Republic for the German eagle and value continued.

The initial issue of the Third Reich created after the rise to power of the Nazi party in 1933 continued the eagle but from 1936 the higher mark pieces bore on reverse a stylized eagle perched on a wreath enclosing the swastica badge. During allied occupation of Germany 1945-48 types were similar with the ommission of the swastica. A stylized eagle as obverse type has appeared on West Germany commemorative coins.

GREECE—The 1964 silver drachmai crown has a two-headed crown eagle reverse.

ITALY—Frederick II (1198-1230) often called the first of the moderns for his coins had a quality of design and execution, especially in the case of the gold augustale and its half piece, which used a striking eagle with outstretched wings on reverse.

By the treaty of Utrecht in 1707, Naples was ceeded to Charles of Austria and Sicily was given to Victor Amadeus of Savoy who held it until 1720 when he received Sardinia in exchange from Austria. Amongst unusual issues of Charles of Austria in the Two Sicilies (1720-34) are copper coins with eagle obverse and reverse inscribed 'Ut facilius' (In order and more easily) on one side, 'Ut commodius' (For convenience sake) on the other Victor Amadeus also issued a tornese piece in Sicily with eagle obverse and 'Publica Commoditas' (The public convenience) on the reverse. Italian cities to issue independent coins using the eagle design include: Tuscany, Modena Duchy, Sicily, and Venice.

Modern Italian coins featuring the eagle were issued 1901-1907, the eagle being a single head crowned with shield on chest, during the reign of Victor Emanuel III. The Fascist government issued a variety of eagle

designs of the Roman type, with fasces 1936-43.

NETHERLANDS—The only eagle to be used on Netherland coins was a gold Carolus gulden of Charles V (1506-55) which used the Imperial arms on double-headed eagle on reverse.

POLAND—The Polish eagle appears first on coinage of Casimir the Great (1330-70.) The only coinage of Louis I of Hungary as King of Poland (1370-82) is a series of deners with types L crowned and eagle. The coinage system was reformed by Stephan Batory of Transylvania in 1576, the smaller denominations carrying a crowned eagle.

Russia struck coinage for Poland at the Warsaw Mint from 1815 using the Russian eagle reverse. During the First World War a coinage was struck in various values using the double-headed eagle by the Central Powers.

Poland was recreated as an independent republic in 1918 and resumed coinage in 1923 with the Polish eagle the main type obverse. This eagle was crowned, the crown omitted in issues after 1949. Many beautiful commemoratives have been stuck in crown size with eagle reverse 1959 to date.

RUSSIA—The modernization of the Russian coinage was the work of Peter the Great (1689-1725.) The new coinage was produced for the first

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time in Russia by mechanical means and the first gold ducat had a double eagle reverse. In 1724, minor denominations were issued with crowned double eagle reverse. Elizabeth I (1741-62) added new 5-10 rouble gold denominations which had as reverse type the Imperial eagle at center with the arms of Moscow, Keizan, Astrakhan and Siberia arranged about it in the form of a cross. The 10 kopek piece in copper of this period had an eagle obverse. Catherine II (1762-96) brought further changes, her most distinctive the large 5 kopek with eagle reverse. Czar Paul I (1796-1801) attempted to reform the Russian coinage on the basis of the Dutch system. The types of the gold ducats were the Russian eagle obverse. An innovation in the reign of Nicholas I (1825-55) was the introduction in 1828 of a coinage in Siberian platinum. The series consisted of pieces in values of 3, 6, 12 roubles and had as obverse the Russian Eagle with triple crown; on its breast was the shield of St. George and on its wings the arms of the six provinces. Similar types were adopted for the gold and silver roubles also. In 1885 in the reign of Alexander III (1881-91) a new coinage system was created with the Russian eagle on reverse design on large denominations and obverse on smaller denominations. These types remained substantially unchanged for the remainder of the coinage of Czarist Russia. A number of commemorative roubles were struck in the early years of the century including an issue in 1913 for the third century of Romanov rule. The reverse design the double eagle. After the Bolshevik revolution of 1917 a coinage in copper of pieces of 1, 3 and 5 roubles was issued in 1918 with the Russian eagle, now uncrowned on the obverse.

SERBIA-JUGOSLAVIA — When Serbia regained her freedom and became an independent kingdom in 1878 she adopted a coinage unit of 100 para and issued coins in copper, later in cupro-nickel with a double-headed obverse.

SPAIN—When Spain was absorbed into the French Empire in 1808 Napoleon created his brother, already King of Naples, the new king of Spain. Gold pieces of 320 and 80 reales were issued with the arm of Spain with the French Imperial eagle at center.

The Nationalist Government (1937-1947) have an eagle above shield on aluminum minor coinage. Franco's coins, 1957 to present time, use a dramatic eagle design behind shield, a beautiful reverse.

SWITZERLAND—Joseph, Freiherr von Roggenbach (1783-94) issued minor coins 1787 with two-headed crested eagle on reverse. Geneva, City and Canton use half a two-headed eagle as part of shield in minor and silver and gold coins issued 1725-1848.

Did you beg your limit? We found eagles in many places as I promised, struck in copper, cupro-nickel, zinc, aluminum, silver, gold and platinum. Eagles were used on obverse and reverse. As principle design or as a minor part of the design, we found eagles reflecting the Imperial might of conquering nations as well as a symbol of freedom. Naturalistic eagles were a bit scarce, but I promise to find you more of these on the next hunt which will take us to all the rest of the world!

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MOST LARGE ESTATES OFFER FINE LESSON TO COLLECTOR

Submitted by Brad Mills,
Columnist, Dallas Morning News

Liquidation of large coin estates frequently affects the collecting habits of many numismatists who take the time to analyze the impact of large hoards that had passed unnoticed until their rather sudden appearance in probate or litigation.

The high points of such large inventories usually disclose either an accumulator complex or a sharp understanding on the part of the deceased. In many cases liquidation of coin estates has been substantial enough to force down value of rarities held in quantities.

As far back as 50 and 60 years ago, many pioneer collectors realized the rarity of certain coins, and tucked them away in trunks or bank vaults. As these come to light, the new supply may more than equal all of the known specimens in numismatic hands.

Thus the unexpected windfall promptly proves a boomerang to the particular outside owners of the erstwhile rarities.

However, most large coin estates have offered a splendid lesson to the average collector, if he is wise enough to see it. In most instances the deceased numismatist has shown good judgment, and the bulk of coins held bring much more money than they cost. Actually, this applies to nearly all of the older collections that were assembled before 1950, but it might not be applicable to the reckless promoter who recently put together a large inventory of current coins in the hysteria that swept the country from 1958 to 1965.

Very large hoards of U. S. commemorative coins have been found in estates where the deceased collectors were civic leaders who may have purchased the coins simply as a gesture of good will when sales were lagging from the sponsoring commission. In one such instance the hoard almost equaled half of the entire original output. This is one of the hazards any collector assumes when he pays a very high price for a commemorative coin that may later come to light in large quantities, but trouble from this source is much more the exception than the rule.

The Iowa commemorative half dollar, a comparatively large issue, sold out completely and is thoroughly distributed, but the Hawaiian and Spanish Trail commemorative halves sold slowly and finally were held in large quantities by a few speculators, despite very low issues in both.

Incidentally, many large estates have disclosed fabulous profits from collections formed over the last 40 years, and especially so where most of the material put aside was scarce at the time or of uncirculated quality.

The world movement to make a profit on coinage through seignorage is spreading fast, with a major trend toward metals that represent in weight only a fraction of their face values. This is nothing new, but the recent shortage of silver touched off a search for inexpensive base metals that represent higher denominations than formerly were designated by silver and gold.

Most of the governments, including

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A NUMISMATIC PROFILE

Lyman Bartee

Mr. Efficiency, himself!

That's Lyman Bartee, twice general chairman of the Austin Coin Club's September Money Mart, the club's prez in 1965, A.N.A. and T.N.A. representative for two or three years, and now T.N.A. District Four Governor.

At "Money Mart" time there's been a minimum of sweat, because preparations for that show start 11 months and three weeks in advance! In example, the award trophies for the September 1967 show were bought last February 1967. (Do you know any other club in the country which can match that for advance planning?)

Incidentally, during the past three years when the coin field has been in the well-known doldrums, that Austin Money Mart has been growing better and bigger each year. Its 1967 exhibits would have done mighty nobly at any national convention of the A.N.A. And the dealers there were feeling no pain, either because the Money Mart now attracts collectors from all parts of Texas.

Lyman's own collecting interests are what he calls "general" . . . yet he has a healthy collection of U.S.A. and, when you question Lyman long enough, you find he is a sucker for a beautiful medal now and then.

(His ever-lovin' wife Beulah, and daughter, Lyneen, are what you might say "reconciled" to Lyman's coin-collecting hobby, for his numismatic enthusiasm hasn't been highly contagious in Hacienda Bartee.)

What time Lyman can spare from his club and collecting activities, he devotes to the Austin firm of Reynolds-Penland Company. This reporter never has seen Lyman Bartee in operation "on the job" in the field of commerce but, if he employs for Reynolds-Penland the same straight thinking, the same sound reasoning, the same concise expression of his ideas which he has shown at T.N.A. Board meetings, and during his stints as emcee at coin shows, then we can understand his value to his firm.

Would that every club had a Lyman Bartee!

MOST LARGE ESTATES—

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The 1968 T.N.A. Youth Contest is under way. Letters and details of the contest have been sent to all T.N.A. junior members. The annual contest began January 1 and will end June 17-19 with the T.N.A. convention in San Antonio.

Contest rules for amassing points were outlined as follows:

1. Exhibiting: At a recognized coin show; winning either first, second or third place; at club meetings; and any other places (banks, stores.)

2 Programs: At coin clubs and other places.

3. Articles: On coins or coin collecting, written by the contestant and published.

4. Securing New Junior Members for T.N.A.

5. Local Coin Club Attendance.

6. Helping with a Local Show in a Responsible Job.

As you complete any of the things outlined in the contest, send a letter or newspaper clipping of each. A separate folder on each member participating will be kept up to date with information sent in.

Send all material to Rt. 1, Box 20, Taft, Tex. 78390.

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from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Mrs. Augusta Folda
441 Miramar Place
Corpus Christi, Tex. 78411

Applicants 1782 through 1784 have been sent membership cards.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1796 (D-2) James A. Boyd, Box 397, Alpine, Tex. 79830. Mrs. Martin J. Shuster and Robert E. Lee.

1797 (D-6) John W. Byars Jr., 6021 Enid, Houston, Tex. 77009. Philippines. Chris and William Johns.

1798 Charles Hale, Montes Escandinavos 210, Mexico 10, D. F. Mexican coins and currency. Bill Brothers and Virgil Hancock.

1799 (D-8) Raymond C. Avery, 130 E. Caffery, Pharr, Tex. 78577. U.S. Gold. Miriam Gilmore.

REINSTATEMENTS

C-59 (D-5) Texomaland Coin Club, care J. K. Megginson, Sec., Box 854, Denison, Tex. 75020.

RESIGNATIONS

679 (D-6) Louis Samuels, 7203 Staffordshire Apt. 1, Houston, Tex. 77025.

509 Bill Eason, Box 1137, Monahans, Texas.

DECEASED

249 George Wendell Adams, Houston, Tex. in 1967.

A 1022 Mrs. Joe B. Davis (Connie) 638 De Forrest, Corpus Christi, Tex., January 1, 1968.

NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By GEORGE MATHER
Corpus Christi, Texas
A.N.A. Representative

George Mather

"The long-awaited dream of a coin-authentication service is approaching a reality . . . ", according to the December **A.N.A. Club Bulletin.** Increased interest in the hobby and the number of collectors over the years has increased the demand for coins, the activity of counterfeiters and the urgent need for an authentification service.

The American Numismatic Authentication Trust with one trustee from each of the sponsoring organizations—A.N.A., P.N.G and O.I.N.—is seeking donations or prepayment for services from dealers, individual collectors and clubs in the amount of $50,000 for setting up operation of the service in a location where known coins may be used for comparison.

Clubs and individuals in Texas have made contributions to the trust through Virgil Hancock, one of the trustees. Please consider making your donation. This will be an effective means of dealing with counterfeits and assuring you that the money you spend for coins will be for authentic ones. If the $50,000 goal isn't reached your contribution will be returned.

It's official — all activities in promoting our hobby in the community from January 1 through April 27 should be listed in your report to Clark A. Yowell, National Coin Week chairman, whether you compete for the awards or not. "History Under Glass"—every item of numismatic interest has some tie with history and the safest way to show it is under glass!

Twenty-eight-year member of A.N.A. and member #1 of T.N.A. Joe B. Davis' wife passed through "the valley of the shadow" into "unclouded day" in her sleep New Year's morning. Not an active collector herself, Connie gave much to the hobby through her encouragement of Joe. His loss is ours, too.

"To be a Seeker is to be of the best sect next to a Finder and such an one shall every faithful humble seeker be in the end." – O. Cromwell.

Mrs. McDermott Dies After Short Illness

Mrs. J. V. McDermott, 64, of Lubbock, Tex. and Milwaukee, Wis., died December 18 in a Lubbock hospital following surgery. Mrs. McDermott was the widow of J. V. McDermott, owner of the famed 1913 Liberty Head nickel which sold for $46,000 at the August A.N.A convention in Florida.

Services were held in South Milwaukee December 21 at Zion Lutheran Church with burial there.

CARD OF THANKS

Members of the coin fraternity have been just wonderful in their expressions of concern, sympathy and comfort in the illness and death, on New Years morning, of our wife and mother, Connie G. Davis. We would like to thank each friend personally but that is next to impossible. We take this means of expressing our deepest thanks to all who have been so kind.

Sincerely

Joe B. Davis, Sandra Davis Tribble
Bryan Davis

from the treasurer

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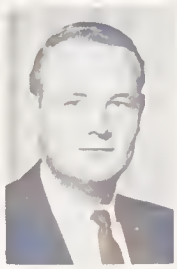

OPERATING FUNDS

Balance on hand as of 9-12-67		$1,349.25
Receipts (9-12 – 1-5-68):		
TNA News ads	346.85	
TNA dues	1,581.00	
Dallas TNA Convention	353.81	2,281.66
		3,630.91
Disbursements:		
Banner Printing Co.– print, mail Sept. TNA News	204.08	
TNA News Editor– Sept. travel allow, petty cash	80.80	
Banner Printing Co.– print, mail Oct. TNA News	212.49	
TNA News Editor– Oct. travel allow, petty cash	85.39	
Banner Printing Co.– print, mail Nov. TNA News	232.43	
TNA News Editor– Nov. travel allow, petty cash	81.04	
Banner Printing Co.– print, mail Dec. TNA News	207.04	
Banner Printing Co.– Misc. ptg., supplies	60.70	1,163.97
Balance on hand as of January 5, 1968		2,466.94

EARMARKED FUNDS

(NOTE: Earmarked funds can NOT be used for anything except the purpose for which they are earmarked.)

TNA Memorial Library Fund balance as of 9-12-67		$116.42
Donation by Liberty CC, Corpus Christi, 12-2-67	10.00	
Board approved transfer TNA Protective Fund	16.00	26.00
		142.42
Petty cash expense, TNA Librarian	11.16	
R. A. Glasscock & Co. Library books	6.80	17.96
Balance as of 1-5-68		124.46
TNA Permanent Home Fund - no change		260.13

RCDA Announces 1968 Convention

Retail Coin Dealers Assn., with headquarters in Denison, Tex., has announced that the 1968 annual convention will be held May 10-12 at the Palmer House in Chicago, Ill.

Ray O. Lefman, 412 S. Van Brundt, Kansas City, Mo., 64124 has been named general chairman and exhibitors are urged to contact him at the above address.

Bourse table reservations should be directed to Wilson F. Walters executive secretary, RCDA, Inc., Box 536, Denison, Tex. 75020.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 1-3

BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUB & TIP - O - TEXAS COLLECTORS' ASSN., annual Wildcat Show, Civic Center, Brownsville. Write: Jim Hollon, 1350 W. Elizabeth, Brownsville.

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MARCH 2 - 3

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB show, Koko Palace, Lubbock, Texas. Bourse: Bob Medlar, 4114 Avenue Q, Lubbock.

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MARCH 2-3

MINERAL WELLS COIN CLUB annual show, Baker Hotel. Contact Donald Bond, Club Sec., 203 N.W. 33rd, Mineral Wells, Tex. 76067.

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MARCH 16-17

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB annual show, Driscoll Hotel. Gen. Chmn.: Fred J. Floerke, Rt. 1, Box 20, Taft, Tex. 78390.

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MARCH 30-31

GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, 9th annual show, Thomas Jefferson High School cafeteria. Write: Lloyd Buss, Box 3081, Port Arthur 77640.

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APRIL 20-21

PARIS COIN CLUB 8th annual North Star of Texas coin show, Paris Junior College. Bourse: Joe B. Bills, 218 1st St., Paris 75460.

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APRIL 21-27

NATIONAL COIN WEEK, sponsored by American Numismatic Association. Theme — "History Under Glass."

APRIL 27-28

VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB, 7th annual show, Continental Inn. Gen. Chmn.: Graves L. Rouse, Box 1183, Victoria 77901.

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JUNE 17-19

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. — 10th Convention, Cunter Hotel, San Antonio, Tex. Contact: Frank O'Sullivan, Box 5526, San Antonio 78201.

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JUNE 22-23

LOUISIANA NUMISMATIC ASSN., Shreveport Coin Club, Convention Hall, Shreveport, La. Contact Henry J. Cangelose, 5720 Jewalla Rd., Shreveport 77109.

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AUGUST 3-4

SOUTHWEST LA. COIN CLUB, 6th annual show, Pearl Watson Jr. High School, Lake Charles, La. Bourse: Marvin Self, 332 W. School St., Lake Charles, La. 70601.

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SEPTEMBER 7-8

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB annual show. Details later.

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SEPTEMBER 14 - 15

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB show, Holiday Inn, Beaumont. Bourse: T. C. Brown, 3535 Sleepy Lane, Beaumont.

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SEPTEMBER 21 - 22

AUSTIN COIN CLUB "Money Mart", Austin Hotel. Write Club, Box 1225, Austin.

DID YOU KNOW?

that a murder was commemorated on a coin? A denarii was struck to commemorate the event of Julius Caesar's assassination and now ranks as a rarity.

TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT I:

Mrs. Evelyn Still, president of **Greater Southwest Coin Club** of Hurst announced at the annual Christmas party that the club was being discontinued until the membership became more active. No meetings were plan- for 1968. — **Raymond W. Darrah, Gov. Dist I.**

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The **Fort Werth Coin Club** met in January in the Longhorn Room of the Texas Hotel for a program of "Show and Tell." Each member was asked to bring their favorite collection, "pet" coin, odd and curious items or medals.

Another feature listed on the program was a tape recording made in January, 1956 by the late B. Max Mehl which was given by Maj. Tom Taylor. Mehl discussed the value of coins and the future of coin collecting.

Officers serving the club for 1968 include R. E. Wallace, president; Todd M. Stetler, vice president; Mrs. Lee Medley, secretary; Mrs. Nora Lee Mercer, treasurer; Miss Barbara Baker, corresponding secretary; and Fred E. Noble, Wilson Baker, W. H. Wright and J. A. Daniel, directors.— **Raymond W. Darrah, Gov. Dist I.**

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DISTRICT II:

Wilma Shuster
Governor

C. P Williams will serve as 1968 president of the **Midland Coin Club** assisted by A. E. Lawson, first vice president; John Culver, second vice president; Tom Payne, secretary; R. E. Howard, treasurer; Roy L. Merket, sergeant at arms; and R. Guy Brantley, Maylon Baker and Presley Powell, directors. M. R. Gayle will act as A.N.A. club representative.

Forty members, juniors and guests were present at the meeting.—**R. E. Howard, Sec.**

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DISTRICT III:

J. G. Pfluger
Governor

Bill Brothers of San Angelo, T.N.A. president, presented a program on Bible coins for the annual Christmas party held by **Nolan County Coin Club** of Sweetwater. The club meets the second Monday at Joe's Steak House.

New officers were announced as follows: Ben Monroe, president; J. V. Younger, first vice president, Kirby Kinsey, second vice president, Jo Ann Hobbs, secretary; Bennie Hobbs, treasurer. Directors include Jimmy Dulaney, Mable Cunningham and Dale Denise. **—Jo Ann Hobbs, Sec.**

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Members of the **Key City Coin Club** of Abilene voted to change the monthly meeting night from the first Thursday to the first Tuesday night and sessions will be held in the Gold Room at the First State Bank.

The group met in December at Arthur's Cafeteria for the annual dinner meeting with 28 members and guests present. New Officers for 1968 were installed. — **M. S. Candle, Sec.**

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Despite snow, sleet and sub-freezing weather members of **Big Spring Coin Club** enjoyed a colorful Christmas party and the last meeting of 1967 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Britton.

Young Miss Tina Teague presented a program on "Coins of Christ's Lifetime." There was also a review of the article "Coins — The Lord's Missionaries" written by Doris Martin of Houston which appeared in the December issue of TNA News. New officers were also installed.

O. O. Craig, outgoing president, was presented a proof coin desk pen set in appreciation of his dedicated service to the club during 1967.— **W. E. Wonzencraft, T.N.A. Rep.**

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Ellis Brooks gave a talk on "Four Kinds of Silver Dollars Minted by the U.S." at the recent meeting of **San Angelo Coin Club** held at Town House Motor Hotel with 25 present.

Brooks stated that silver was known as far back as history of man was recorded, and that there is no substitute, which is necessary in film, television, space program, etc. He gave the amount of gains used in all U.S. dollars, and explained the reason for minting trade dollars and the use of chop marks. He recommended that collectors fill their coin books with silver coins while they are still available, as the government is calling them in.

Past President Bill Brothers presented the A.N.A. past president's silver medal. Members voted to donate numismatic publications to Angelo State College. — **Lynn Langston, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT IV:

Lyman Bartee
Governor

Harry Kent was elected president of the **Austin Coin Club** and will be assisted by E. M. Rice, vice president, Lyman C. Bartee, secretary-treasurer, Keith Johnson, curator, and Mrs. E. T. Morrison, Brad Smith, directors. Ray Kirkpatrick is retiring president.

A recent program featured commemorative coins, a slide set furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library. The club voted to purchase a projector so that better use can be made of the

film library.

A benefit auction was planned to aid the March of Dimes with members contributing the lots for auction. — **Lyman C. Bartee, Gov. Dist IV.**

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Rev. Wm. Agee presented a program on his bottle collection at the December meeting of **Heart of Texas Coin & Stamp Club** of Waco held at Bertrand's Restaurant. Fourteen members and guests were in attendance. Each member donated a gift to be auctioned with proceeds of about $15 going to a charitable organization.

In January club members enjoyed a social meeting with buying and selling stamps and coins. The 23 members met at Texas Power & Light Center. — **Bernice Casper, Reporter.**

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The second annual Charity Auction was the main feature of **Temple Coin Club's** December meeting at the Gober Party House. Members donated all items comprising the over 100 lots with $65 being raised for the club's charity fund.

Ronnie Vasilinda was auctioneer, assisted by Dr. Donald Pisar. Special prizes were awarded with a visitor's prize going to Mrs. J. C. Pratt of Tallahasse, Fla.

Refreshments were a complete buffet supper with Mrs. Vasilinda and her committee in charge of arrangements.

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DISTRICT V:

Mike Brownlee
Governor

April 20-21 are the dates set for the fourth annual North Star of Texas coin show sponsored by **Paris Coin Club.** The Spring event will take place at the Paris Junior College. For table reservations write Joe B. Bills, 248 1st S. W. St., Paris 75460.

The club elected new officers with Bills heading the group as president; Bruce Raney, vice president; Kenith Lancaster, secretary-treasurer; James Rice Wilson, auctioneer, Crage Thompson, publicity. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday at the Gibralter Hotel. — **Joe B. Bills, Pres.**

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DISTRICT VI:

The **La Marque Coin Club** held the annual Christmas party with 21 members and guests being served a turkey dinner. All received a gift from under the Christmas tree. Games followed and Lester Ingram won the grand prize.

Special guests were Mrs. Chris

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A. N. A. educational certificates were presented by Ruby Threlkeld, club secretary, to M. B. Warren, J. C. Akey, Hugh Threlkeld, John Mahan and Don Stoltenberg for programs given during the year. — **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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C. L. Babcock was elected president of **Beaumont Coin Club** succeeding R. K. Beck, Jr. The club met in the Community Room of First Security National Bank.

Chris Johns
Governor

Jerry Williams will serve as vice president; and Carroll Chesson, secretary-treasurer.

Mercury Dimes was the program discussion by Dem Roy of Lake Charles, La., owner of the national title "King of Mercury Dimes." The talk was illustrated with an exhibit.

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DISTRICT VII:

Elected to serve as president for **Victoria Numismatic Club** was Graves L. Rouse to be assisted by Henry N. Puckett, vice president. Alice V. Titus secretary; and Charles Copley, treasurer.

Graves Rouse
Governor

The annual Christmas party was held at Mammy's Cafeteria Magnolia Room with Rouse as entertainment chairman. He conducted a memory and word game.

The seventh annual coin show is being planned for April 27-28 at the Continental Inn on Houston Hiway. Rouse will be chairman and he may be reached at Box 1183, Victoria 77901. — **Alice V. Titus, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VIII:

The **World Coin Club** of Corpus Christi selected Jerry Foy to serve as 1968 president with Clay Stubblefield and Jack Morgan assisting as vice presidents. John Allen is recording secretary; Lois Perry, corresponding secretary; and Wallace Perry, treasurer.

Clarence Davis
Governor

Mrs. Lois Perry and Mrs. Lois Love edit the club bulletin which is sent to all numismatic publications.

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Over 60 members and guests attended the Chinese Christmas party at Chung Mei Restaurant hosted by **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi. Clarence Davis, retiring club president, was presented a silver medal. Davis has served the past two years.

New officers include W. B. Park, president, W. R. Robbins, first vice president, Margarito Garza, second vice president; Martha Park, secretary, Onda Buckner, treasurer; and Gladys Robbins, corresponding secretary.

Gladys Robbins was named Member of the Year 1967 and presented an appropriately inscribed plaque. Suitable awards were given to committee chairman for the 1966 and 1967 coin shows. — **Gladys Robbins, Reporter.**

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Fred Brammer was elected president of **Hidalgo Coin Club** of McAllen. Other officers include John L.

Chisum, vice president; Annette Fortsen, secretary; L. G. Davenport treasurer; Jack Forsen, Howard Heath and Harvey Bruns, directors. Mrs. Miriam Gilmore was installing officer at the January meeting.

The club meets the first Thursday at the Central Power & Light Co. building.

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At its only meeting in December, **Corpus Christi Coin Club heard** Fred Floerke, general chairman for the annual show March 16-17, name his committees. He announced that Edward C. Rochette, editor of **The Numismatist,** will be honored guest and speaker for the Awards BreakFast and Forum on Sunday.

Joe B. Davis reported that research of his files of numismatic publications showed efforts at various times by different people to set up a coin authentication service. He said that increased interest in the hobby had lead to increased activity by counterfeiters in cities all around the world. He cited specific instances in which local collectors had bought coins and later found that they were not genuine. He also asked members not to put an individual, respected for his knowledge in the field, "on the spot" by asking him to pass judgement on a coin because many counterfeits are so good that they can be definitely determined to be fakes only by comparison with known authentic coins. Davis urged the club to contribute to the American Numismatic Authentication Trust as he had done as an individual.

C. W. Roberts told of his experience of learning that a coin he was exhibiting was counterfeit and getting a refund from the man who sold it to him only on the basis of photos of the coin which proved he had made no substitution. He encouraged support

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CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB'S
10th ANNUAL SHOW
March 16 - 17, 1968

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Sparkling City By The Sea

Ed Rochette of Colorado Springs, Colo., Editor of The Numismatist at A.N.A. Home and Headquarters, will be the speaker for the Educational Forum.

Bourse - Exhibits: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., March 16
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 17

Fred Floerke, General Chairman
Rt 1, Box 20, Taft, Texas 78390

George Mather, Bourse
Box 806, Corpus Christi 78403

Clay B Stubblefield, Exhibits
3630 Victory Drive, Corpus Christi 78408

of the trust. The club voted to contribute $50.00 through Virgil Hancock, the trustee representing O.I.N.

The program for the evening was a quiz. All questions dealt with U.S. coins. Response was good; adults were impressed by the knowledge of the junior members. Twenty-nine members and eight visitors attended the meeting. — **Norma Mather, Publicity.**

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DISTRICT XI:

R. G. Boyle is heading the **Amarillo Coin Club** during 1968 as president and other officers elected were Charles Abraham, vice president; Mrs. Gertrude Wallentine, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Glovier, recording secretary; and Lloyd Colvin, T.N.A. club representative.

The membership drive came to an end and Troy H. Coan, P. A. White and Abraham were awarded proof sets for bringing in the most new members during the past six months.

During the benefit auction, with all coins donated by members, $85.55 was collected to assist needy families during the holidays. A portion was designated to the Papago Indian Reservation at Sells, Ariz. where approximately 15,000 Papagos living in 120 villages on a 3,000,000-acre reservation in the Arizona desert. Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Reynolds, both members of the Amarillo club, are now missionaries on the reservation.

During the past year the club enjoyed various slide sets furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library and recommends all clubs to use these to further their education in coins. The club meets at the Herring Hotel.—

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Troy H. Coan
Governor

Moore County Coin Club of Dumas met recently at The Savings & Loan building with Lynn Foreman conducting the auction. No program had been planned, but everyone is looking forward to starting a new year with scheduled programs from the T.N.A. Memorial Library.

Sixteen members and two guests were present. — **Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. H.**

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DISTRICT XII:

Ava Setzer
Governor

The **Lufkin Coin Club** met in December in the T.P. & L. Assembly Room for a business session and short quiz on American coinage. Members are showing a definite interest in silver dollars and type coins, all in the better grades.

It was reported that over 20 have been attending the club meetings for the past four months and interest in numismatics seems to be increasing.

Richard Cravy was reelected club president; Roland Brent vice president; and David Cravy, secretary, (second year.) — **David Cravy, Sec.**

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DISTRICT XIII:

Wm. Rust
Governor

A holiday dinner at Luby's Cafeteria highlighted the December meeting of **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club** with 46 members and 11 guests present.

Craig Taylor of Lawton, Okla. was guest speaker and chose as his subject the four phases of coin collecting—history, economic aspects, art and fun of collecting. Taylor is president of the Lawton Coin Club.

The following new officers were installed. W. C. Williams, president; Roger Paulk, vice president; M. L. Goolsby, treasurer; J. O. Henson, secretary; Mrs. G. M. Howard, publicity; Alfred Kass, Marvin Booher and Wm. Rust, Jr. executive board. — **Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.**

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